



March 23, 2009

Daniel Anema
San Joaquin County
7000 Michael Canlis Blvd.
French Camp, CA 95231

RE: GCA - 08

Dear Mr. Anema:

Please accept this letter from the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group, as indication of our conditional support for your 2008 Law Enforcement Grant.

BRC has reviewed this grant and believes the requested grant amount of approximately \$310,000 dollars appears to be excessive and out of context when compared with grants submitted by other counties with similar patrol areas. Also, the grant request must be correlated, in a holistic manner, to legal OHV opportunities in your county. BRC understands and supports efforts to address illegal OHV use on private and public lands. However, the size and scope of any county law enforcement grant must be in relationship to legal OHV opportunity.

Unless there are mitigating circumstances, BRC believes the grant amount should be in the neighborhood of \$75,000 to \$110,000 dollars. This would make your grant more consistent with what other counties of similar size and legal motorized opportunities are submitting to the grant process. BRC believes that if there were more legal OHV riding areas (even city OHV parks) in the county, that a larger grant amount would be warranted. Providing legal opportunity should be considered as a law enforcement tool as well.

BRC thanks the county for their commitment to managed OHV recreation and we are grateful for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don Amador", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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